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This publication does not condemn the Catholic religion, nor does it ensure the honest, well-meaning Roman Catholic communicant; but it takes issue with the Roman Catholic organization in its political intrigues, its interference with established American institutions and government.
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LINCOLN'S DARK CLOUD

WITH A SIL

UNDENIABLE is the fact that the annual increase of the Catholic population far outstrips that of the non-Catholic population; and that at some future period its numerical strength will be capable of deciding in favor of the church every election that takes place. When that unfortunate hour arrives every policeman, councilman, mayor, judge, governor, legislator, congressman, senator, president, civil official, army and navy officer will be a Catholic. Then the non-Catholics will be powerless, and at the mercy of those who believe they have no rights. Then, according to Brunson, heresy and infidelity will be declared to have no rights. Then, according to Archbishop Kendrick, Protestantism will be declared to be a crime, and punished as such. Then, according to the archbishop of St. Louis, religious liberty will no longer be endured. Then, according to Heckler, the Catholic church will be bound to take the country, and keep it. Then legislations will be introduced, and stakes erected. Then the darkness of the middle ages will settle over the land. Then the schoolhouses, the colleges, the asylums, and the churches built with Protestant funds will be applied to Catholic purposes. Then the fortunes which non-Catholics have amassed will be confiscated. Then the territorial acquisitions of the government, all its resources, all the advantages it has acquired by arms and treaties, its navy and its army, will become the property of the papal monarchy, and applied to its defense and extension. Then it will be the business of Americans, not to create magistracies, but to obey despots; not to share in the sovereignty of the government, but to toil in slavery to support an execrable despotism. Then liberty of speech and freedom of the press will be no more. Then the ecclesiastical dungeons, which the supineness of Americans have allowed Catholicism to erect among them will be the homes and graves of freemen. Then will arise a government constructed of schemes for public plunder; where an aristocracy are privileged robbers; where moral worth and dignity are the helpless victims of power and injustice; where laws are made for subjects, not for rulers; and where the people are inherited by royal heirs, like so much land and cattle. Then will the monarchial demon, the god of slaves and aristocrats, seated on the people's throne, with his feet on the people's neck, quaff blood like water; and eye with scornful indifference the squalid millions whom he has doomed by an enormous taxation to huddle in hovels, without light or air, with clothing scarcely enough to hide their nakedness, with food scarcely enough

to sustain life, or fire scarcely enough to keep them from freezing. But the spirit of freedom is immortal; its codicil with despotism will be eternal. Bolts, dungeons, shackles cannot confine it; racks, flames and gibbets cannot extinguish it. To annihilate it, the most formidable efforts of bigotry, the most ingenious arts of statesmen, the combined power of church and state, have been applied in vain. Though the blood of freedom's sons have streamed in torrents, and the smoke of their stakes have darkened the face of heaven, yet their spirit has still walked abroad over the world. So it has been in the past; so it will be in the future. If the Catholic demon should massacre all the freemen in one age, they will rise up more powerful in the next; and successively as time rolls on, shake with their energy the accursed throne. Hence civil war will never cease, fields will eternally reek with gore, burning cathedrals and convents will illuminate the night, till the world, instructed by its past errors, will unite in a natural union for the extinguishment of Catholicism. We have now alluded to the dangers which begin to blacken our political firmament. Can the storm be averted? We believe it can. A union of the Protestants, Jews, Spiritualists, Free Religionists, Infidels, Atheists, Free Germans, and of all non-Catholics, without regard to creed, race or color, on a basis of universal civil and religious liberty, with a judicious policy, and a corresponding system of measures, will prove adequate to the emergency. Such an organization, if sufficient and liberally constituted, might command the support of Gallic and Fenian Catholics. The life, liberty and welfare of all non-Catholics, if not indeed, of the Fenians and Catholics themselves, are in equal danger, and why should they not organize for mutual safety? Does prejudice forbid it? Millions of lives must be sacrificed if a union be not effected. Who would, then, hesitate to sacrifice a prejudice that it may be effected? A tyrant may demand concessions without rendering an equivalent, but freemen cannot. Can Americans sleep in peace, while the clang of the hammers that are forging their chains are sounding in their ears, and the pillars which support their government are tottering over their heads? It seems impossible. Their obligations to their country, to posterity, to the world, demand union. Union or slavery; union or confiscation; union or the rack, the stake, the gibbet. One or the other is inevitable. Which do you now choose? A few more years hence you will have no choice!

CATHOLIC HOSPITALS.

In practically every city of any consequence you will find a hospital named for some Saint, so-called, and presided over by nuns. The institutions are not open for inspection by the authorities of the law, and when patients are starved, frozen and otherwise put to death by neglect, if not premeditatedly, friends or relatives of the deceased have no recourse, even when it is a matter of common knowledge that crime, no less than manslaughter, has been committed. Just today a pitiful example of this character was brought to our attention in a letter requesting that a sample copy of The Menace be sent to Mr. so and so, at a certain point, stating that he was a Catholic, but that since he had recently had a little daughter die in a Catholic hospital from pure carelessness and neglect, he might be reached by our appeal and awakened to the character of the damnable institution to which he was paying tribute, with nothing in return but the pale, cold corpse of his own offspring. In the same mail was a letter from a friend in Pennsylvania who, from his writing, is acquainted with the character of these sepulchral abodes of the afflicted, gives our readers a startling warning in this language: "I would warn all Protestants to keep sharp watch on these Catholic nurses in our hospitals. There are many Protestants sent to eternity through that agency. No doubt many will be ready to flout this idea, but I am not alone in this belief."

ALWAYS THE SAME.

You can never assail the Jesuits for their crime and intrigue, nor confront them with their record of deeds dark and damnable, but that they exclaim that what you relate is ancient history. This thing and that happened in the dim and distant past, says the Jesuit, and we should not be held to account for the actions of our ancestors.

So far so good. No one can be held to account for the conduct of ancestors, but the trouble with the Jesuit is he never changes, and he boasts of the fact. That this is true is very forcibly verified in the following item clipped from the Pittsburg, Pa., Dispatch of Jan. 2, this year, 1912:

"The scope and purpose of the annual retreat for men was explained at all the masses at St. Paul's cathedral yesterday. The retreat this year will be preached by one of the most eloquent Jesuits in the United States, Rev. C. W. Lyons of Philadelphia, Pa. It begins on January 16 and continues for four days, ending on Sunday evening January 21. During this time no wo-

man will be admitted to the Cathedral at the evening services, simply because the capacity of the cathedral will be taxed to care for the men who desired to attend. This exclusion of women will prevent undue crowding and standing in the aisles, and give every man who attends a proper degree of comfort to hear the preacher and to profit by the retreat. JESUITS ARE SPECIALISTS IN GIVING RETREATS FOR MEN, AND THE EXERCISES AT THE CATHEDRAL DURING THE COMING RETREAT WILL CLOSELY FOLLOW THE CELEBRATED 'SPIRITUAL EXERCISES' LAID DOWN BY ST. IGNATIUS, THE FOUNDER OF THE JESUITS, IN THE SIXTEENTH CENTURY. "The Jesuits are specialists in giving retreats for men," says the Pittsburg writer; he might have added that from their record they are "specialists" in the art of dark and devious intrigue to which no pure woman would lend her sanction, thus these stage meetings for "men only."

That they "WILL CLOSELY FOLLOW THE CELEBRATED 'SPIRITUAL EXERCISES' LAID DOWN BY ST. IGNATIUS, THE FOUNDER OF THE JESUITS, IN THE SIXTEENTH CENTURY," is evidence enough that every time he has claimed that the Jesuits are the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. Read the Jesuit oath in No. 38 of The Menace, then decided if we exaggerated when we told you that the American people were fast asleep over a seething volcano.

"The secret of the diabolical possibilities of 'Holy Office' (inquisition) was found in the confessional, where the more honest and pious the believer, the more valuable the testimony he would be liable to give to the unscrupulous priest who stood between his soul and his God; and prostituting his sacred office, the priest passed the secrets of the soul and the safety and lives of kindred into the hands of the pitiless inquisitor. Has dishonor ever exceeded this?"—King.

If you want to know what the Roman Catholics propose to do to the Buckeye state—the halliwick of Governor Harmon—just ask Timothy S. Hogan, Knight of Columbus, and attorney general of Ohio, and he probably can give the figures and the deliverable vote in that commonwealth.

"Moreover, we declare, say, define and pronounce, that every human being should be subject to the Roman pontiff, to be an article of necessary faith."—Boniface VIII.

"Politico-Ecclesiastical Romanism continues to be in this, and in all lands, an organized conspiracy against the liberties of mankind."—King.

HOW THEY GET IT.

Many people wonder where Catholics get the vast amount of money which must be necessary to construct and maintain the great number of massive monasteries, nunneries, convents, etc., to be found in this country. Besides begging, borrowing and otherwise sipping, the directors of these institutions stand continually before the rich with outstretched and itching palms, ready to catch the proverbial crumb or, in other cases, be ever present at the bedside of those who shuffle off with much of the filthy lucre to their credit. Could the average reader be in The Menace office for a week and see the number of instances in point he would be dumbfounded, but he would be no longer in ignorance as to where the Catholics get the money. Note the following:

"South Bethlehem, Pa., Dec. 25.—The Rev. J. J. O'Connell, rector of the Catholic church of the Holy Infancy, announced yesterday that the annual Christmas gift to the church of Charles M. Schwab, president of the Bethlehem Steel Company, was a check for \$5,000. The money will be devoted toward the erection of the new \$40,000 rectory."

It doesn't matter to millionaires Schwab that thousands of his employees in the steel mills are living in shacks, eating only two meals a day and sleeping four to a bed to keep from freezing—that they are contracting tuberculosis and transmitting it to their helpless and innocent offspring because of overcrowding and underfeeding, due to the low wages and long hours imposed upon them by Mr. Schwab. By standing in with the priests Schwab can continue his slave driving methods and no criticism will ever reach the public, for the priests control the press and the press controls the opinions of the people. The idea of religion in the United States Steel Corporation! Ye Gods!

But five thousand dollars is a mere bagatelle. Here's a Texas sheep and cow "rancher" who leaves the Roman church corporation a million dollars in one lump:

"Austin, Tex., Dec. 25.—Ed Jackson, the sheep man who died a few days ago, a bachelor, at his home at San Angelo, left a will by which he gave \$100,000 to Fannie Jackson, a two-year-old Mexican girl, described as the 'daughter of my friend, Mary Luna.' The remainder of the estate, valued at more than \$1,000,000, is left to the Catholic church of America."

The daughter of his friend, Mary Luna, gets a hundred thousand. Would it not be interesting to know who the father of the daughter of his friend, Mary Luna, is?

I have a half-full of clippings of this kind on my desk, but the above are sufficient to show the resources of the gang we are fighting. Checks, bonds, real estate holdings and other collateral by the millions are fed to this Roman beast of Revelations, while the little old Menace is compelled to get its sustenance with a goose quill in twenty-five cent pieces. Nevertheless we are fighting a winning fight—a battle of right against wrong—ideas against money and graft, and truth and righteousness against falsehood and deception. And with these weapons we cannot lose a single battle!

LET THE HEATHEN RAGE.

One of the very noticeable facts concerning the Roman Catholic press and the hierarchy is their avoiding the main issue with The Menace and are satisfied to meet our facts with epithets. Calling The Menace a "Nasty little sheet," its subscribers "brainless," the editor a "so-called" reverend, its published statements "childish ravings," its publishers "creatures of a disordered liver," the beautiful Aurora, Mo., the Sunrise City of the Ozarks, a back-woods village, its great printing plant "in a burrow until its timely and unlamented death."

For ourselves, whatever we may be personally, however obscure the location, however miserable as to our liver, health, wealth, or of little worth has nothing to do with the question of Roman Catholic ambitions, desires, present and past history.

The fact is the reply these papers are making to the serious and menacing presence of Catholicism in America is fatal, and self convicting. There is neither dignity, learning nor decency in the San Francisco Catholic Leader's screed published last week. Almost any one can call names, in place of argument, but a gentleman does not. These Roman Catholic papers will do themselves more credit by keeping still—they would if they took the Jesuit's advice—he runs for a torch or pincers, or starts a boycott.

If the hierarchy thinks our subscribers fools, it is only because thousands of them have been deceived and hoodwinked by the deceptiveness of Rome's pretended holiness.

We are a foolish people to allow this fair land to come into the power of an ecclesiasticism that has degraded every nation that has adopted its false teaching. How we could be fooled so long and so completely is certainly a mystery. We ought easily to have seen the picture and recognized the counterpart spoken of by the Christ when he said of the Scribes and Pharisees, "They make wide their phylacteries, they stand on the street corner, they make long prayers and think they will be heard for their much speaking—they make clean the platter—the outside show is spectacular, but inside is full of dead men's bones."

No, Roman Catholic papers telling

their readers that The Menace is small, insignificant and without force, and at the same time show their rage, their fear, their lack of dignity and inability to meet The Menace, will do more to convince honest Catholics and turn their faces toward the light.

Our readers may be sure that the personal abuse of the editor falls lightly upon him and cannot in the least disturb the calmness of his mind or quench his heart ambition to waxen the sleeping people and calm the fears and open the eyes of many honest Roman Catholics, following their blind guides into poverty of mind and body.

THE POOR CAN SUFFER.

Of all the organizations of earth, claiming to be Christian, the Roman Catholic has less of that spirit than any we have ever observed. Millions of dollars are spent annually by this aggregation of hypocrites in an effort to awe with pomp and splendor the weak-kneed Protestantism of America, but you never hear of them in the slums of the great cities assisting with their untold wealth in the alleviation of the suffering of the poor and unfortunate. The following press dispatch from New York illustrates a case in point:

New York, Dec. 20.—The Roman Catholics of this diocese are planning to raise a purse of at least \$25,000 to be presented to Cardinal Farley when he returns from Rome. The committee in charge of the reception held a meeting at the Cathedral College on Thursday night and when the suggestion of a purse for the cardinal was made \$3,000 was contributed at once.

At the very hour this stupendous sum of money was being raised, New York's army of the unemployed were shivering in the bread line, children without food or fuel were waiting in blind-eyed anxiety the arrival of the supply wagon of the Provident Association, while others were scurrying hither and thither for shelter in the municipal lodging houses.

The money that will be spent for the amusement of this thick-necked, black-robed, jewel-bedecked piece of papish mammon on his return from Rome will relieve the suffering of New York's poor for the rest of the winter.

To relieve the poor is not the mission of the Roman hierarchy in America. The Beast of Revelations is drunk with the blood of martyrs, and her slogan, "Capture America for the pope," is a signal for the weak and oppressed to stand aside while the bloody paucity of Rome holds the footlights in the land of Columbia.

TO CONTROL THE MILITIA

Do you know why the question of a Catholic president of the United States is raised, when the Knights of Columbus and the hierarchy talk politics?

It is a great game and the prize is worth working for. It's a great step toward the supreme capture of America for the pope.

A practical Catholic, in the language of the hierarchy, is a man who takes the oath to obey the orders of the pope, and work for his temporal supremacy, and the establishment of a Holy Roman Empire, with the flag of the Vatican flying from the capital of every nation on earth.

That is ambition, is it not? That is a dream worthy of the first Napoleon, and would satisfy the thirst for power of one even greater than czar.

But what is the game of making a Roman Catholic president? Why this? Representative Du Pont, chairman of the committee on military affairs, in a speech, January 9th, in the house of representatives, speaking on the question of the volunteer forces of the United States among other things said: "Further, the organized militia under the provisions of the act of January 29, 1903, CAN BE CALLED OUT BY THE PRESIDENT, FOR ANY PERIOD THAT HE MAY SPECIFY, TO EXECUTE THE LAWS OF THE UNION, SUPPRESS INSURRECTION, (to be interpreted by the hierarchy) or repel invasion, and can be ordered, not only beyond the limits of the respective states, but, if necessary, beyond the limits of the United States."

Some of the watchful patriots, Junior Order men or a descendant of the American Protective Association, saw the supreme danger that lurked in that militia law, had it amended May 27, 1908, cutting the dictatorial authority of the president and making it necessary for the president to issue his orders through the governors of the various states and territories. But just look over the subversive governors, nine of them recently parading the country and kissing the pope's toe in humble submission to the Vatican rule. Look at the Roman Catholic states dominated by the political power of the big cities.

O, it's a big game, the hierarchy is playing, led by the astute and cunning Jesuit, now directing the campaign in America.

And you don't see it? Have the enemies appointed your eyes, and poured the leprous distillment in your ear, so that you see not nor hear the tramp of the Roman standing army parading your cities and manning your offices?

Is the experiment of a government of the people to fail, through the stupidity and false security of its men?

It must not be. It shall not be done. Sound the alarm!

Let the true men of the nation to the colors! There is an enemy in the camp; hunt him down.

Clippings and Contributions Wanted

THE CATHOLIC PRESS CENSOR BILL

From the Christian Standard, Cincinnati, Ohio.

I have made inquiry of one of the members of congress as to possible legislation in the way of amending the United States statutes as to mailing "obscene" matter, as is referred to in your issue of the 30th (page 12), and God there is nothing pending. I am promised by my friend in congress, however, that he will advise me if anything in the way of a bill is presented. This for your information. It is not out of place to be on the lookout.—WALTER W. FAIGEE, Washington, D. C., Jan. 2.

And so, if this particular member of congress is fully informed, the bill is still in Catholic hands. But it will appear in due time, for note the following from the Church Progress, a Catholic paper of St. Louis, Mo.:

Complaint was made of the circulation in this city and surroundings of anti-Catholic and objectionable papers and books, among others the abominable, filthy sheet called "The Menace," of Aurora, Mo. The chairman of the committee on public morals reported that the national law committee of the American Federation of Catholic Societies has in preparation a bill which will be introduced in congress forbidding such vile publications from circulating through the mails.

It is a good time for all Protestant papers to call attention to this prospective bill. And a good time, too, for all patriotic people to agitate and educate as to the true nature of this menace to American liberty. Watch for the bill, and then watch your congressman, and let him know you are watching him.

DEMANDING OFFICES.

Edward L. Feeney, who was president of the American Federation of Catholic societies, in his annual report to that body, declared that "in proportion to the number of Catholics under the flag, here and in our insular possessions, we have by no means a sufficient representation in the public service."

The New York Tribune very properly calls the Roman Catholic official down, as ill-advised, unpatriotic and fraught with evil, seeing that "under our form of government religious views or affiliations do not figure in the qualifications of public servants."

The Menace calls attention to this statement by the head of the Federation of Roman Catholic societies as a commanding proof that the purpose of this federation is political rather than religious. Religion is a convenient cloak, and successful buffer, when attacked and called to account for pernicious political interference.

It has been a difficult matter to convince conservative citizens, who never have allowed religious convictions and affiliations to enter into their political activities, to believe that Catholicism is a real and virile political menace.

The New York Tribune is shocked by the frank utterance of Mr. Feeney and cautions the brother about insisting upon "their share"—and thinks that is the "wrong way to go about it."

What The Menace is most interested in is to make its readers understand that the Roman Catholic clerical party is organized and has begun to inform the public about its political wants. They want everything in sight, supreme court, congress, and modestly say that there is no reason why the president should not be a Romanist, seeing that the vice-president is, and "had been so kind to our people."

Some man who reads this article doubtless has said there is no danger, no cause for alarm, no threatening, menacing power in American politics.

But there is. The Roman Catholic microbe has entered the life-blood of the nation. The signs are all too plain of a national disease approaching a crisis.

Delays in heroic action invite death; the hectic flush is upon the cheek of the goddess of liberty. There is absolute peril in the situation. The president of the Federation of Roman Catholic societies has given America notice. Can we be any longer blind to the situation?

HOW IT WORKS

A recent copy of the Epworth Herald contains a letter from a Methodist minister in Rome, in which he states that he had married a Methodist young man to a young woman of a Roman Catholic family on last New Year's day. Within a few days the parents of the young woman received a communication from a Catholic priest, saying:

"Mr. and Mrs. ———: To the scandal of your children, of your neighbors, and of the whole community, you allowed your daughter to be married to a non-Catholic, and by a Protestant minister, Jan. 1, 1910. As we have always been the best of friends, I would not decide your case, but referred it to the bishop, who has decided that if you ever want to come back to the church, you will have to make public reparation for the public scandal, given either by asking the congregation's pardon in church, or have the priest to do it for you while present. If you die in the meantime, and before this public reparation is made, the Catholic bell will not toll for you, the prayers of the congregation will not be requested for you, your body will not be allowed to enter the church nor be buried in sacred grounds, even if you have a lot. It is also well for you to know that your daughter is not at all married; she lives in public concubinage and shall be treated as such. Truly yours,"

Such threats and such insults show how Romanism operates in order to keep its people in subjection. Only those can be kept subject to it who are willing to incur such insults and threatenings.

KILL HIM! HANG HIM!

That terrible Stephens, of Texas. The law says that government money must not be used for sectarian purposes in teaching Indians. Mr. Stephens is chairman of the committee on Indian affairs and has asked the sec-

retary to make a report on the matter. This is what Mr. Stephens wants to know.

"Said secretary is further requested to report whether religious symbols, emblems or garbs of any particular religious denomination or society are permitted to be worn or used or publicly exhibited and kept, or are so worn, used or kept by employees in the Indian school service or within or upon property under government control in the Indian service."

What do you see in that request that is so dreadful? Why are they beating the big Catholic gong and why is the air full of fists in mad gesticulations, and why do fearful maledictions threaten Mr. Stephens?

If an innocent inquiry causes such an earthquake of fear what would a real investigation do to the hierarchy? The attitude of the Roman Catholic newspapers and the priests is a confession of guilt. They know that their taking and using public money for sectarian schools is illegal.

These wolves are trying to drive Mr. Stephens out of public life and are flooding his district with lying accusations. Menace readers ought to write to their senators and congressmen to stand by the law and Mr. Stephens in his honest endeavor to keep the Jesuit's hands out of the United States treasury.

FROM MRS. CLARK

The Menace:

I wish to express my sincere thanks to you for your kindness, support and the help you have rendered in every way to my son, Wm. Lloyd Clark, during all those recent trials and persecutions he has passed through. I feel that your paper is a God-send to the nation, and trust you will have no difficulty in keeping it before the people.

Thanking you again for your kindness and wishing you success in your great and perilous work for the enlightenment of the American people, I remain, Very truly yours, MRS. A. H. CLARK, Mt. Sterling, Ill.

A LITTLE COLLOQUY

Boy—Can you get my father out of purgatory?
Priest—Yes.
Boy—How?
Priest—By prayer.
Boy—Who can pray for him?
Priest—Me.
Boy—Will you pray?
Priest—Not till I am paid; the devil and I are partners and he will not let him out till I am paid.
Boy—And how will I know when he is out?
Priest—You will have my word for it.

"THE MILITIA OF CHRIST"

Remember that we can furnish copies of The Menace, No. 39, in any quantity. This is the issue which deals with "The Militia of Christ," and which should be in the hands of every union man in the nation. Scatter them widely. Bundle rates for distribution as follows:

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250 copies to one address.....\$ 1.25
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TO CORRESPONDENTS

The Menace has reached the conclusion that it cannot afford to take the risk of publishing unsigned communications. We are getting some real good items, and would like to publish them, but they are anonymous and therefore valueless. Please give your name and address when writing for publication, or will give us the privilege of appropriating your matter without credit, and editing it to suit ourselves.

ST. LOUIS READERS NOTICE

Mr. W. E. Rodgers, 2908a Shaw Ave., St. Louis, Mo., wishes to state to Menace readers of that city that he is organizing a local court of The Guardians of Liberty. The first forty members will be admitted free, and if you wish to get in as a charter member you should look Mr. Rodgers up at once.

This paper stops when your time is out.